

AMDENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification by adding before the first line the sentence:

This is a 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP03/10460 filed August 19, 2003.

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure.

Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

A method for inhibiting articular cartilage extracellular matrix degradation comprising administering a histone deacetylase-inhibiting compound.